

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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25 September 1953

MEMORANDUM

2003

SUBJECT: TASKS FOR CHIEF OF STATION, GUATEMALA

1. Your priorities for development of KUFIRE assets are as follows:
 - a. Controlled penetration of the Communist Party.
 - b. Controlled penetrations of the major labor unions.
 - c. Controlled penetrations in the major anti-Communist organizations.
 - d. Controlled penetrations in the armed forces, or controlled agents with access to current planning both in senior and junior officer groups.
 - e. Controlled agents with access to high-level Guatemalan Government political propaganda planning.
 2. The Station will transmit any rumors re: ARBENZ government officials, actions taken or to be taken by the Army, government - army relationships, revolutionary activities, relationships among the Communists and any bad morale factors among the ruling clique to Headquarters. The rumors will be accompanied by Station comments re plausibility, where rumor was overheard and any suggested restrictions on re-use in other countries throughout the Hemisphere. (Weekly report, unless no rumors are overheard.)
 3. The Station will clip and send, with appropriate comments, the column, "Boqueras" to Headquarters whenever it contains rumors of value to the anti-Guatemalan campaign.
 4. ESCONSON I will write a "psychological barometer" report on local conditions, PW activities, ~~and give ideas on possible PW actions.~~ This report will be sent Headquarters each week.
 5. The Station will make a continuing study of morale factors (complaints, desires, etc.) among the following groups:
 - a. Students
 - b. Laborers *(farm & industrial)*
 - c. Army Officers
 - d. Enlisted Men
 - e. Government Officials
 - f. Farmers *owners & operators*
 - g. *Business and professional men*
- As complete a report as possible on each group should be in Headquarters o/a 15 November 1953. Thereafter Morale Factors should be included with the Rumor Report.

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and procommunists

6. The Station will prepare a list of the 25 most dangerous Communists and attempt to gather data re these targets which could be used for character assassination (either within or outside Guatemala). This study should be as carefully done as possible, but should be in Headquarters possession o/a 1 December 1953.

7. When Mexican and/or other exile anti-Communist propaganda is found in Guatemala, it should be sent to Headquarters as soon as possible with a covering dispatch describing details of distribution, where found, any reactions, etc.

8. A bi-weekly flow of negatives, with captions, re conditions in Guatemala will be sent to Headquarters. More pictures of comparisons of living conditions of the top Commies and the peons will be of special value.

9. Chief of Station will prepare an operation designed to attack the October Feria, sending copy to [] and original dispatch to Headquarters.

10. Headquarters is relying upon Station Guatemala for the checking of propaganda issued by exile groups and will expect all reports to be forthcoming as requested above.

11. Any propaganda ^{to be} placed through HEDIGER will be ^{forwarded to} cleared through Headquarters ~~(excepting that already in the mill)~~ to prevent any crossing of objectives within Guatemala.

J. C. KING
Chief, WHD

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